(iii) Setting up of additional Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals as appropriate;

(iv) Holding of Lok Adalats where possible.

Position of the buffer stock of foodgrains

*170. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the foodgrains stock available as on the 1st January, 1990; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to procure sufficient stocks for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) The stock position of foodgrains with public agencies as on 1st January, 1990 is estimated at 12.13 million tonnes.

(b) A statement indicating the steps taken to procure sufficient foodgrains is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Steps taken to procure sufficient foodgrains stocks during the current marketing season 1989-90

With a view to maximising the procurement of rice and wheat the following measures were taken:—

(a) Wheat (1989-90 Rabi Marketing season)

(i) 50 per cent levy on wheat on traders in June 1989 was imposed by the U.P. Government from June 89 to October 89.

(ii) RBI increased the margin for advances to millers during the peak procurement season.

(iii) Strict enforcement of Regulatory measures adopted by the State Governments.

(b) Wheat (1990-91 Rabi Marketing Season)

All arrangements are being made to make maximum procurement of wheat in view of good prospects for the wheat crop in the 1990-91 rabi marketing season and enhanced support price and to ensure that the farmers get at least the support price for wheat and have not to resort to distress sale.

(c) Rice (1989-90 Kharif Marketing Season)

(i) The Kharif 1989-90 had been advanced by one month in the major rice procuring states of Punjab, Haryana, Tamil Nadu in anticipation of early market arrivals of paddy.

(ii) Procurement price of paddy was further increased by Rs. 10 per quintal for all the three varieties i.e. common, fine and superfine w.e.f. the commencement of the Kharif season w.e.f. 13-10-89, which was effective from the beginning of the season.

(iii) Fixation of State-wise targets for procurement of rice for effective monitoring of procurement.

(iv) State Governments were advised to enforce strict regulatory measures to ensure that the millers|dealers fulfil their levy obligations, and also to plug leakage of levy effectively.

(v) Levy percentage was raised from 50 per cent to 75 per cent in case of Shri ganganagar District of Rajasthan and from 60 per cent to 75 per cent in Chandigarh.

मध्य प्रदेश में सहकारी क्षेत्र में चीनी मिलों की स्थापना

*171. श्री अजीत जोगी : क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सहकारी चीनी मिलों की स्थापना के लिए लाइसेंस जारी किये जाने से संबंधित मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से प्राप्त हुए दो प्रस्ताव लम्बे समय से लम्बित पड़े हुए हैं ;